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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ARNOLD H. PACKER

1. ARNOLD H. PACKER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR FOR POLICY, EVALUATION AND RESEARCH, AND MRS. PACKER ARRIVING ATHENS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 3:15 P.M. VIA TWA 846. THEY WILL DEPART SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 FOR VACATION IN GREEK ISLES. WHILE IN ATHENS, PACKER WOULD LIKE TO AVAIL HIMSELF OF OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH LABOR ATTACHE AND APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYER AND TRADE UNION OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS GREEK LABOR SITUATION. HE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE GREEK ECONOMY, AND PARTICULARLY TO EMPLOYMENT SITUATION, IN FACE OF SLACKENING FOREIGN DEMAND FOR GREEK LABOR. IF POST FEELS IT WOULD BE USEFUL, PACKER WOULD BE WILLING TO GIVE TALK BEFORE A GREEK AUDIENCE ON GENERAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION IN U.S. AND ON ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO FIGHT UNEMPLOYMENT AND CREATE JOBS. HE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAMMING AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER

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14 AND ALL DAY SEPTEMBER 15.

2. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY RESERVING DOUBLE, IF POSSIBLE IN HOTEL WITH "LOCAL COLOR", FOR NIGHTS OF SEPTEMBER 14-15. CHRISTOPHER

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